REMARKS

Independent claims 1, 8 and 17 as amended, claim a system and method for the automatic collection, format consistency conditioning, and parsing of selectively retrieved television captioned text files originating from geographically diverse television signals, whereby an inquiry client submitted search probe creates a search result wherein the inquiry client is automatically contacted. The closed captioning texts are derived from television news program segments (see spec. pg. 15, last para., claim 1) captured from one or more geographically diverse television signals (see spec. pg. 12, last para.). The closed captioning text is parsed (see spec. pg. 15, last para.) The parsed, decoded, closed captioning texts are specifically conditioned to have consistent formatting regardless of their origin to provide a comprehensive easily readable report (see spec. pg. 14, last para., claims 1,6 and 10).

Corey et al. stores closed captioned text that has been captured, into index text records in closed caption storage 72 (Fig. 1). However, the closed caption storage 72 is separate or remotely located from input device 76 (a.k.a., the inquiry client) and monitor 84, which are controlled by a user. Corey et al. does not provide closed caption storage on the input device 76. Corey et al. merely provides a "description of video segments" (emphasis supplied, see ref. nos. 544 and 568, Fig. 5B) in response to user inquiries. The present invention, in marked

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contrast to Corey et al., provides a comprehensive report to a remote inquiry client. The present invention provides substantively more than a mere description of video segments. Indeed, the present invention as claimed, unlike Corey et al. a comprehensive substantively useful report. The text files are formatted and conditioned for consistency regardless of the fact that the texts are derived from geographically diverse television program segments. The client is provided with a comprehensive readily readable report of related formatted text related to the search inquiry. This report, in and of itself, is useful in e.g. a public relations real time analysis of geographically diverse television programs that adversely or complimentarily discuss a particular product or service of interest to the inquiry client. On analysis, the present invention is far removed from Corey et al.

Also, unlike the present invention, the system and method of Corey et al. is, as shown by its title and as described in its abstract, expressly for video programming retrieval. Corey et al. states:

> The evaluator 236 uses video indexing records and their corresponding index text records in determining which index text records match or satisfy the query so that, in step 544, <u>a description of the video segment(s) whose index text record(s) satisfies the query may be presented to the user</u>. Note that the title of the video program containing the closed caption text of the query satisfying index text records(s) may be displayed to the user as part of the output description...In step 532 <u>the requested video segments are retrieved</u> from video/audio storage 40 and displayed on the monitor 80. [emphasis added]

That is, Corey et al. only uses decoded closed captioned text for indexing purposes on a central server (control module 60). Therefore, Corey et al. does not teach or even suggest providing a remote inquiry client (i.e., a user) with parsed, conditioned, consistently formatted, closed captioning text report. Corey et al. fails to disclose or recognize the present invention.

Assuming arguendo that Hullinger may be combined with Corey et al., the resulting combination does not provide the features of the present invention as claimed in this application. Hullinger does simply not provide the claimed features of the present invention. It appears that Hullinger is relied upon for the sole purpose of establishing that local clients and/or servers, and one or more remote central servers, may be used to transfer analyzed data. Hullinger does not disclose, and is not in any way related to, providing format consistent conditioned closed captioned news text files as a comprehensive readily readable report to an inquiry client. Inasmuch as both Corey et al. and Hullinger suffer this fatal deficiency, the claims as amended are manifestly allowable.
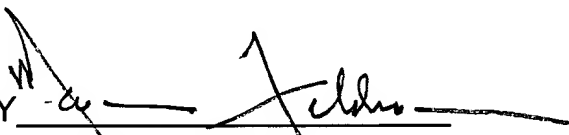
Applicants have amended independent claims to place them in form for allowance and respectfully request that the application now proceed to allowance on the merits. Additionally, applicants request a two months extension of time to October 24, 2004 to respond to the office action and enclose $215 for the required fee (part of enclosed $270.00 check).

Applicants have also prepared and filed a Terminal Disclaimer to

overcome the obviousness-type double patenting in co-pending Application No.

09/911,320, along with the required fee of $55.00 (part of enclosed $270.00

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In the event that a credit is forthcoming or additional fees are required,

then same may be credited or charged to the undersigned Attorneys Deposit

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